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1. SUMMARY. THIS IS SECOND IN SERIES OF REPORTING CABLES
FROM USDEL TO CAS-VII. END SUMMARY.

2. DISCUSSION OF THE WORLD CLIMATE PROGRAM AT CAS-VII
AVOIDED THE QUESTION OF INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS. THE
ORGANIZATION OF THE PROGRAM DEVELOPED BY THE CAIRO MEETING
OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (WMO) EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE AD HOC GROUP WAS SUPPORTED BY ALL DELEGATIONS,
AND STRONG CAS INVOLVEMENT IN ITS COMPONENTS WAS URGED.
IT WAS PROPOSED THAT CAS DEVELOP A FLEXIBLE ORGANIZATION
OF ITS WORK SO AS TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO WHATEVER DIVI-
SION OF ROLES THE WMO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CONGRESS MAY
DEVELOP. NO RECOMMENDATIONS ON INSTITUTIONAL ROLES
WERE MADE. IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT A SMALL WORKING
GROUP BE FORMED TO COORDINATE CAS WORK RELATED TO THE
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WORLD CLIMATE PROGRAM AND TO EFFECT LIAISON WITH THE
JOINT SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE PROPOSED BY THE CAIRO GROUP.
THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION SUPPORTED INCREASED CAS
ACTIVITY IN CLIMATE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SMALL
COORDINATING BODY REFERRED TO ABOVE. THE DELEGATION
WILL CLOSELY MONITOR THE TEXT OF THE REPORT OF THE
SESSION TO ENSURE THAT THE CONSERVATIVE POSITION

TAKEN BY THE COMMISSION IS ACCURATELY REFLECTED.

3. DISCUSSION OF THE GLOBAL ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH PROGRAM (GARP) BEGAN WITH AN ACCOUNT OF THE MONSOON 77 FIELD EXPERIMENT DELIVERED BY THE USSR (SEDUNOR). THE REPORT WAS RECEIVED WITH ENTHUSIASM BY THE SESSION. THE USSR (HODKIN) THEN PRESENTED AN EXTENDED CRITICISM OF GARP CENTERING ON THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. POOR COORDINATION BETWEEN GARP AND CAS, RESULTING IN WASTE, DUPLICATION OF EFFORT, AND INADEQUATE TRANSLATION OF GARP RESEARCH INTO PRACTICAL RESULTS. GARP WAS A PART OF THE WMO RESEARCH PROGRAM AND CAS SHOULD EXERISE A STRONG COORDINATING ROLE.

B. IMBALANCE OF RESOURCES BETWEEN GARP AND CAS. THE LARGE NUMBER OF GARP MEETINGS WAS NOT APPROPRIATE, WHILE THE RESOURCES OF CAS WERE INSUFFICIENT TO PERMIT PROPER COORDINATION.

C. FAILURE TO GIVE SUFFICIENT WEIGHT TO OCEANOGRAPHIC ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM.

D. INEFFECTIVE PLANNING AS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT THE FIRST GARP GLOBAL EXPERIMENT (FGGE) AS PLANNED WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE WITH THE AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

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4. WITH REGARD TO THE WORLD CLIMATE PROGRAM, THE USSR FELT THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO JUDGE THE APPROPRIATE MECHANISM FOR COORDINATING RESEARCH. THE USSR CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT IT WOULD CONTRIBUTE THREE ADDITIONAL SHIPS TO STRENGTHEN THE WIND OBSERVING PROGRAM IN THE INDIAN OCEAN.

5. THE GENERAL DUSCUSSION STRONGLY SUPPORTED GARP, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT CAS SHOULD PLAY A GREATER ROLE IN PROGRAM PLANNING AND COORDINATION AND IN THE TRANSLATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS INTO PRACTICAL BENEFITS. SOME DELEGATES RECOMMENDED THAT THE PRESIDENT OF CAS SHOULD BE AN EX OFICIO MEMBER OF THE JOINT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (JOC) FOR GARP.

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